

Dear Debra

Boston. March 7. 1838.

Wed evening

You had been gone about an hour when Aunt Mary departed in the Duxbury stage. Wendell Phillips, who was on his way to S. I situate, bore her company & she admired him. In the course of the morning I called at the office & there saw Alond's report & resolutions on Texas which are very good. I learned too from Thrapp that the Free Ch folks will not let us have their church next May till after they have let all the other applicants use it first, in which case our meetings could not be held while the other anniversaries are in session. Mr Phelps is, therefore, looking round for another place & hopes to get the Odesa. When I came home found Mary Soule. She brought a missive from Elizabeth that ^{Lucia} Emma was to stay there some time longer, & that Emma must come over. Accordingly, in the afternoon Emma went & she & Lucia are there now. I walked out with Mary & then chancing to call at Licknor's saw a little article by Mrs Chid in the Mercantile that is really very well. Angelina is the subject. Caroline took tea at Roxbury & Mrs Grant has agreed to receive her. Henry & Maria came in the evening both very cock a hoop, a Board meeting having been held. The Report passed, only Phelps & Horton, the Methodist brother you know, voting negatively. Ellis voted to accept it with the exception of the Tory part & I believe that on the whole he could give no opinion on that, as he was ignorant of facts. Henry talked a great deal & spoke strongly and was pleased with himself. Garrison did not say a great deal. Francis Jackson was asked for his vote by Phelps, as I understood Henry. You know he was the presiding officer & therefore, I suppose, ~~did not vote~~ as he put the question "yea" said the worthy man. Garrison then asked that a vote might be put that he might be at liberty to leave out what he liked. This passed Henry voting negatively. I do not approve this in Garrison. He should never have expressed a severe emotion with regard to Fitch & Co had it not been for & at the instigation of unbending integrity & principle. If it was not a matter of conscience with him, he should not have done it, & if it was he

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should never have altered it, if the Soc. or its managers
sustained it. I regret it but I cannot depend on Garrison
as I used to. The 'Board' yesterday did valiantly. At Mrs
St Clair's own request, they have accepted of his services
as an agent, giving him \$500 & his travelling expenses.
At Henry's instigation they also voted their thanks to Ange-
lina Grimké for her late exertions & requested Sarah &
herself to continue their labours in Mass in the way &
mode that their own views of duty directed. Maria is
much encouraged concerning the Mass Board. E. Quincy
behaved sweetly. Maria has received the Life of Mr
Dowall from Mrs Broadway with the request that she
will review it. It is a book as large as Carlyle & written in
a very masterly manner. I have thought it possible that
Wend might be the author. It is too free to be written by
Leavitt. It produced a very great effect on my mind. I
owe it to truth to say it has altered my feelings to the
cause of Moral Reform more than any thing I ever read
before. I am constrained to say of Mr Dowall as Wesley did
of somebody or other "He had the mind that was in Christ." I
have not read a Memoir for years that convinced me so
strongly of the man's Christian character as this has done.
I think too he was treated by the Female Benevolent Soc.
in a manner so disgraceful that public disgrace must
rest upon the women mainly concerned. Ask the Dr to buy
it. It is worth more than 20 common biographies. Tell the
Dr that I have written for I owe him the amende
honorable in regard to Mr Dowall. I wish he would take
"The Friend of Virtue". Tell him there is a good article in the
West N. by Mr Child. Ask Mrs. Rugg also if their M. R. Soc.
cannot take 1 or 2 copies. Today I had a letter from Aunt
Mary. She found Grandma much better than she had ex-
pected & all the rest are tolerable. It has been snowing
so that I have not been out to day. Lizzy has been here
ever since you left. Caroline has gone to Maria's this evening
if she returns with news (& Maria has been out to Brooklyn
I will write more. If not good night. — C has come. Maria
heard no special news but had a good time. Wonderful to say
for the first time the Grimké's became aware of the ill-
behaviour of the N. York folks. Maria opened to them the
whole ground tier at which they were much amused. Let me
finish by a little about old Ladd. He amused himself at the Marlboro

with sundry witticisms about "the gentle Angelina" saying that
he expected to live to see her married to "a strapping nigger"
&c. Philbrick told all this ^{to} A. at noon & in the afternoon Mr Ladd
came out to see them. "Why Mr Ladd" were Angelina's first
words "I am surprised that I should not come to see us after thy
conversation about us at the Marlboro's". Mr L. begged their
pardon, was dreadful sorry, but said he had sometimes a foot-
ing way of running on his - Friday morning, 4th. (Yesterday)
morning Henry Lee called at the door & left a letter for you
from Abby Esq. I opened the letter that I might let you know of
its contents without sending it. You need suspect no other motive for
Maria says you know that it is rather of a drag to her to get
through with one of them. I have copied all the important parts.
"I have but a minute to write only long enough to ask you if
you can make your visit when I mentioned. Mrs Doubleday
thought it would be a very good time & would be very happy
to have you come. Mr Emerson's term closes a week from next
Friday, so, if you can come then do & make me happy for me.
Mrs Emerson says she loves you as well as ever even better & that
she is going to housekeeping in the spring & wants you to come
& stay with her 3 months" - "If you can come at that good
time do write me word". There was very little more than this
in the letter & nothing of import. H. Lee was waiting for her letter
If he calls here I shall send Abby a few lines saying that you are
at H. B. Gordon &c. As to your going, you know your own plans
best. You had better write to Abby & tell her what you design
to do. I see no objection to your going, if it were not for the
expense. Now, perhaps you have made some plan about going
with Mr Bent. I worked on my slipper all day & finished all the
corals. At 3 I was full tilt to the library & to my great surprise
(tho' that was what I went for) got the last No. of Scott's Life, just
out. I read it last evening & you may judge what a sorrow-
ful book it was when I tell you I cried over it, & I don't re-
member ever doing that before since I came to woman's estate.
If we were turned out of our house & not a rag left us I could
not feel as bad as I did about Scott's failure. Maria took tea
here. Garrison thinks about withdrawing, the objectionable part in
the Report about Jones out of regard to Phelps' feelings. Maria
went to see him yesterday afternoon to try to save him from
this act of madness; for certainly if he gives up this point he denies
the faith. He should not give up for Phelps' feelings. If he were to
give up for any body's it should be for Fitch & Towns'. Poor Mrs.
Phelps is much worse, another abscess coming. Caroline went out

to Cambridge last night & came back this morning, tho' the
snow was deep. Lucie & Emma are left there. The ~~fire~~ ^{fire}ings were
all out there, Margaret Fuller with them. so I suppose she has
vacation. There is some prospect of getting the Odeon for the
Grimké's, but it is not yet decided. If you have not written
the time you get this, write & let us know whether you think of
going to N. B. when you will come back &c. I have put on my
Master & think it has helped me. Give my love to the Dr. & Miss
Gray & the children. Read any thing in my letter that ~~the~~ ^{may}
be to the Dr's edification. Tell him that I will come the

Miss Deborah Weston.

Care of Dr. A. J. Farnsworth.

Groton.
Mass.

see him next month, if he sends me a very polite invitation.
Go ever A. W. W. I will leave this little space in case any thing
great happens before the time of sending. M. by the way, I did
see Garrison yesterday as he was up at some quack or other's taking
a steam bath. How ever she is going again & I imagine will get
steam bath again.

We are all just
going to Brooklyn
& back.